

Proclamation 4781 of August 8, 1980

National Farm-City Week, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The Nation's most basic resources are the food and fiber produced on American farms. As these supplies are used, they are renewed each growing season. Without food and fiber, all else would cease.

The production of our food and fiber is the most common example of the use of solar energy. Plants, through interaction with the sun's rays, capture solar energy and package it in the usable form of food and fiber.

These actions are so taken for granted that we may overlook the phenomena of interdependence between sun and plants that is so basic to our well-being. Without plants, the earth would be a barren planet, incapable of sustaining life; and without energy from the sun, the earth would be an uninhabitable globe whirling in space.

We may also take our national food and fiber abundance so much for granted that we overlook the interdependence of farms, which produce our food and fiber, and cities, which process the food and fiber and distribute it within easy reach of each of us. Without farms, cities would be barren monuments of concrete, and without cities, farms would be primitive forms of economic life.

To achieve a better appreciation of the contributions and cooperation of farms and cities, the Nation has set aside a week in November as National Farm-City Week. The theme is "Farm and City, Partners in Progress—Key to the Future."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period November 21 through November 27, 1980, as National Farm-City Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4782 of August 25, 1980

Fire Prevention Week, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Fire causes more loss of life and property in the United States than all other natural catastrophes combined. Fire is the second most frequent cause of accidental death in the home.

The human costs of fire and borne disproportionately by career and volunteer firefighters. Their profession is one of America's most hazardous.

Each year approximately 8,500 Americans die; another 300,000 are injured in fires and \$5 billion worth of property is destroyed. America loses more to fire than most other countries in the industrialized world.

In an effort to alter this tragic situation, the Administration has implemented a Reorganization Plan, placing the United States Fire Administration's fire programs in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This agency now coordinates America's disaster preparedness and response efforts, and, within it, the fire service still stands as the First Responder, with the capability and mission to contain, mitigate or resolve emergencies.

Yet the Federal government alone cannot reduce America's fire losses. The public and private sector must do their part. Together, working as a team, we can lessen the unnecessary, life-threatening destruction caused by fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do designate the week of October 5 through 11 as Fire Prevention Week.

Because fire deaths most often occur in homes, I call upon American families and other property owners to install smoke detectors, to practice exit drills, and to be especially vigilant in guarding against fires. I further urge all citizens already possessing smoke detectors to use this week to test their devices to ensure their operational status.

I support and encourage the cooperative efforts of private enterprise and government in developing low cost residential sprinkler systems that may revolutionize fire safety in the home.

I encourage the fire service, police, prosecutors, the insurance industry and governmental agencies to continue to work together to improve arson prevention and control measures. Arson remains America's fastest growing crime and we need total commitment to combat it.

I call upon every fire department in the country to improve the delivery of emergency medical services and to teach citizens the fundamentals of basic life support and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

I urge the fire service to open their profession fully to women.

I encourage the fire service to take full advantage of the National Fire Academy.

I acknowledge the National Fire Protection Association and its affiliate, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, for their sponsorship of this week's international observance.

Finally, I call upon members of the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations, members of the International Association of Fire Fighters, members of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, all other organizations concerned with fire safety, and the United States Fire Administration to provide the leadership, planning and innovation necessary for an effective national fire prevention and control effort.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

JIMMY CARTER